



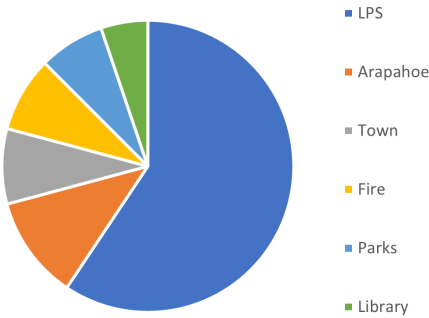
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# From the Mayor

If you haven't realized it by now, grab your hats and hold on for a ride. Absent any government action, your next year's property tax bill is about to go up by 35–40%. You should have received in the mail by now your notice of new proposed valuation from the Arapahoe County Assessor; this notice will be the basis to calculate your next property tax bill. In Columbine Valley, our property taxes are comprised of nine different taxing entities, with six of them accounting for 96% of the total. The rough breakdown is as follows:

Littleton Public Schools .....	57%
Arapahoe County .....	11%
Town of Columbine Valley .....	8%
South Metro Fire .....	8%
South Suburban Parks & Recreation District.....	7%
Arapahoe Libraries .....	5%



Each taxing entity is responsible for its own level of tax. Mill levy increases require voter approval. But when property values rise significantly—and mill levy levels don't change—the result is a massive windfall in revenue for most of the taxing entities, Columbine Valley included. This spring, the state

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## MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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## From the Mayor (continued)

legislature made an attempt (feeble in my opinion) to address this situation. But in the end, the best they could do was refer a ballot measure to be voted on this fall, which proposes to take a portion of the TABOR refund you're already scheduled to receive, reduce it, and then apply the same amount of money to partially reducing the rate of property tax increase. The net result, if you receive a TABOR refund as all of us do, is no net change of your out-of-pocket dollars.

As Mayor of Columbine Valley, I think the Town should step up and reduce its mill levy. Working with the Town staff, we are working on a proposal to do that. If the Trustees approve, the Town's revenue from property tax will only hopefully go up by something like an inflationary amount—and not the 35–40% it would otherwise.

Sadly, even if Columbine Valley eliminated all of its property tax, your bill next year will go up by a lot. Obviously, Littleton Public Schools is the main recipient and driver of the total tax. I hope, but don't know, whether their board or any of the other taxing entities are having similar property tax relief discussions.

Stay tuned—more to come.

— Roy Palmer, Mayor

## GOLF CART DRIVING TIPS

To drive golf carts safely and according to Columbine Valley ordinance (10.08.030):

- A golf cart may only be operated on public roads by a licensed driver.
- Between sunset and sunrise, the golf cart must be illuminated by two headlights and two taillights that are visible from 500 feet.
- All traffic laws apply to golf carts—including stopping at stop signs.

If you drive your golf cart outside the Town, be sure to

familiarize yourself with related laws in each jurisdiction.

- Golf carts are prohibited from operating on South Platte Canyon Road, which is a state highway.
- Golf carts are allowed to cross South Platte Canyon Road, but Columbine Valley ordinance applies only to roads within Town limits.
- Once you cross over South Platte Canyon Road or West Bowles Avenue, you are subject to the regulations of that jurisdiction.





# 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



## JUNE 22

HAZEL MILLER &  
THE COLLECTIVE



## JULY 13

THE COUNTRY  
MUSIC PROJECT



## AUGUST 10

BEACH BROTHERS:  
JIMMY BUFFET & BEACH  
BOYS TRIBUTE BAND

**Food Truck at 5:30 p.m. • Picnics Welcome**

**Music from 6:15–8:15 p.m.**

**Visit [ColumbineValley.org](http://ColumbineValley.org) for Details**





- 7:30 a.m.** ★ Pancake Breakfast
- 8 a.m.** ★ Cart Decorating Contest  
Most Original | Most Creative | Most Patriotic
- 8:20 a.m.** ★ Mayor's Welcome
- 8:30 a.m.** ★ Singing of the National Anthem
- 8:40 a.m.** ★ Parade Kickoff Featuring  
American Legion and Party Crashers Brass & Drums
- 9 a.m.** ★ Festival at Columbine Park at Town Hall with  
Live Entertainment, Face Painters, Balloon Artists,  
Root Beer Floats, and More!



## DATES TO KNOW

- June 15:** Municipal Court, 3–5 p.m.
- June 20:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- June 20:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- June 22:** Concert in the Park, 6:15 p.m.
- July 4:** Fourth of July Parade & Festival
- July 6:** Municipal Court, 3–5 p.m.
- July 13:** Concert in the Park, 6:15 p.m.
- July 18:** Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 3:** Municipal Court, 3–5 p.m.
- Aug. 10:** Concert in the Park, 6:15 p.m.
- Aug. 15:** Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

## TOWN STAFF

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